



# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 10th was Library Legislation Day. Many NCLA members joined together on the bus trip to Albany as advocates for libraries and library systems.

NCLA sponsored two buses: one from NLS and one from Christopher Morley Park. These buses were coordinated by Elizabeth Olesh and Ken Bellafiore. Also, this was the second year that NCLA co-sponsored a bus to leave the day before Lobby Day. I would like to thank Elizabeth, Ken, the NLS Staff, Member Library Directors, Members of NCLA and SCLA, and everyone who gave their time to help support libraries and library systems.



We are looking forward to the upcoming Long Island Library Conference which will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at the Crest Hollow County Club. Please stop by the NCLA table and fill out a free raffle.

NCLA is always looking for new members and new ideas. If you would like to become more involved in your Association or wish to share ideas or concerns about NCLA or library issues, please contact me at the Uniondale Public Library. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

*Chris Marra  
NCLA President*

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## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional support of NCLA also continues to grow. Our total for 2009 is now 40 and additional renewals are expected. The following institutions have joined NCLA since our last report:

Academic Libraries  
NY College for Health Professions

Public Libraries  
Island Park Public Library  
Oyster Bay - East Norwich Public Library

We would love to see your organization on our list of NCLA supporters.



The Long Island Library Conference will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at the Crest Hollow Country Club. We are pleased to announce that Adriana Trigiani will be Keynote Speaker. In efforts to keep with our theme "Go Green At Your Library," registration is only available online. You may now see the full range of programs available and register at <http://www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/lilc/>.

This year's conference offers a wide range of educational programs and is a great way to network with others in our field, so register today!

Please print and send in your registration today!

*Maryann Ferro  
Long Island Library  
Conference*

## *NCLA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE*

It is easy to chart NCLA's membership campaign. As in previous years, the end of the first quarter of NCLA's membership year, which officially was on March 31st, saw our membership roster populated with the names of more than 700 individuals and organizations. It is with much optimism that I offer an estimate that 2009 will be a great year for membership! NCLA membership is exactly 693 at this point.

Because our Constitution requires that members renew their membership by March 31st, a mailing to those individuals who have not yet re-joined will be sent out in early April to further encourage them to rejoin.

Because we do not remove individuals from our mailing list too quickly, many of these individuals often rejoin NCLA after a hiatus of one or two years. We welcome all our members when they return to the Association and trust that they will gain personal satisfaction from their participation in our activities. It should be noted that the more one "puts into" their active membership, the more the rewards that will be returned to the individual.

A friendly reminder is now being placed on the mailing labels of "lapsed" members. An "X" in the upper right corner indicates

that we have not received a membership renewal when this Newsletter (or any other mailing) was being prepared for shipping.

It is always interesting to recognize the work of NCLA members in encouraging the new arrivals in our libraries to join the Association. NCLA "veterans" usually need only a little reminder to recognize the value of membership in the Association.

With the Long Island Library Conference rapidly approaching, I know that this will be an inducement for individuals to renew their membership.

Avoid the rush – renew your membership today!

*Arthur Friedman*  
*Membership Chair*

## PR/Programming Division News

The PR/Programming Division held an Excel Computer Class scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at the NLS Computer Training Center. Class was geared towards library program monthly reporting statistics and budgets. The instructor for the class was Barry Howard.



The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 9:30am at NLS. The program topic is "Movie and Film Rights." The speaker is John Bosco, Director at the Wantagh Public Library.



This workshop will cover legal issues and copyright responsibilities, movie licensing companies, how to select movies for screenings and how to conduct a film discussion program and make your film selection. For more details watch for the flyers and e-mails.

The PR/Programming Division is looking for a person to replace a One Year Director who recently resigned. Anyone who is interested, please contact Angie Schenker at 223-6228 ext. 40.

**Angie Schenker**  
**PR/Programming**  
**President**

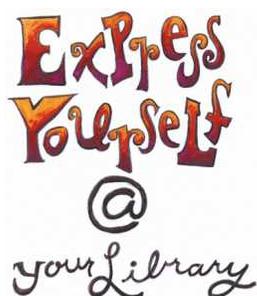


**RSS Feed**

The RSS feed on the NCLA Calendar has been enabled. It is an orange 'RSS' button at the top.

## Young Adult Services Division News

The Young Adult Division's monthly meeting at NLS was held on Thursday, March 19, 2009. The meeting provided an opportunity to both brainstorm and share ideas for this year's summer programs. The theme of this summer's collaborative summer library program (CSLP) will be "Express Yourself," and we all expressed ourselves with interesting ideas on how to best give teens a creative and fun summer.



YASD is also planning to "go green" for the Long Island Library Conference to be held on May 7, 2009. When you are at the conference, please stop by our table to see our displays and to enter our raffle for a chance to win a beautiful basket of "green" goodies.



Now that a hint of warmer weather is in the air, our Executive Board is busy planning our annual June luncheon. Scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009, from 12 noon-3 pm, we will meet at La Parma Restaurant in Williston Park.

Our speaker will be Anica Rissi, senior editor of Simon Pulse, the young adult paperback imprint of Simon & Schuster. She will discuss new trends in young adult publishing, new books and debut authors to get excited about, and more. Save the date and join us for an interesting program and a delicious meal.

*Terry Ain*  
*YASD President*

### DIRECTORY

Data input for the 2009 edition of the Directory of Long Island Libraries and Media Centers is now complete. Printing of the document has begun and we expect to distribute copies around the time of the 2009 Long Island Library Conference.

Please remember that in order to receive a "free" copy of this important publication, you must have been a member of NCLA in 2008 and must have paid dues of \$25.00 or more.

Additional copies of the Directory will be available for purchase as well.

## News from the Media Services Division

The Media Services Division held its annual "Roundtable" at NLS on February 24, 2009. It was very well attended and well received. A wide range of topics was discussed including: Kindles in libraries, downloadables (audio, video, and music), inter-loaning media, and media packaging.

MSD has secured a favorable group pricing for tickets to Book Expo America at the Javits Center in late May. We will be opening this opportunity to all divisions in the coming weeks.



We are looking forward to presenting a program at this year's Long Island Library Conference in May. The program is about community building and library branding with annual musical events. Steve Adelson, producer of the annual Long Beach Jazz Festival, will be the guest speaker.

*Michael Simon*  
*Media Services Division*  
*President*

## REPORT ON LIBRARY LOBBY DAY



(L to R): Rocco Cassano, Dalal Fatoush, Carol Probeyahn, and Henry Olshin from the East Meadow Public Library.

A large contingent of Long Islanders made the trip to Albany this year for Library Day on March 10, 2009. NCLA was represented by more than 100 individuals with a strong group of Library Friends and other library supporters joining our advocacy team and traveling to Albany in one of the two NCLA-sponsored buses that made the day-long trip.

In addition, a number of members (especially library directors) traveled to Albany on Monday, March 9th to attend meetings in Albany, a fund-raiser and to be on hand to greet and speak to our legislators when they came to the Legislative Breakfast hosted by NYLA that began the day's activities. Plus, a number of NCLA members were on the SCLA buses and they joined our group when we reached the Capitol.

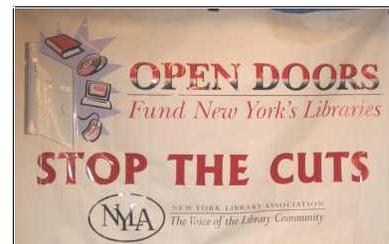
Kudos to Elizabeth Olesh, and Ken Bellafiore for their leadership in organizing the bus trips.

Participation in this year's Day was excellent. A "rally" in Meeting Room 6 of the Empire State Plaza was attended by most of the more than 100 individuals who registered at the NYLA desk. Speakers included NYLA's Legislative Committee Chair, Kevin Verbese (SCLS), as well as Senators Hugh Farley and Suze Oppenheimer, Assemblywomen Amy Paulin (Continuing Chair, Library Committee), and a marvelous YA author, Charles R. Smith, Jr. State Library Director, Bernard Margolies and Queens Library Director, Tom Galante, also brought encouraging words. This event certainly impressed the legislators who attended and we trust that they brought a report of our concerns and energy back to their conferences.

The weather throughout our trip was excellent, and the Legislators made our outlook brighter when they indicated that both chambers of the Legislature were advocating a restoration of the \$18+ million cut in the Governor's budget proposal. We hope that this optimism will carry all the way through the budget-making process and that when the official State Budget is adopted, library services will retain all the funds previously allocated.

Even if work on delivering a timely budget in NY State is concluded by the time this Newsletter arrives on your desk, our work as Library Advocates must continue. I remind all members, and their friends, colleagues, neighbors and other family members, that speaking to legislators about library issues should be an ongoing activity. It is never too soon to discuss the need for additional library support.

*Arthur Friedman  
Membership Chair*





*More Photos from Library Lobby Day ...*





*Photos from Rocco Cassano & Dalal Fatoush*

## Update from the Clerical Services Division



The NCLA Clerical Division will be sponsoring a Bus Trip on June 10, 2009, which will include a tour of the New York Public Library, a stop at the South Street Seaport, and lunch at Giorgio's Restaurant. Please join us.

Also on the schedule is a Clerical Round table which will be held at The Merrick Library on Thursday, September 25, 2009.

We hope you were able to attend our Open House on March 19, 2009, at the Farmingdale Library. It's always nice to find time to gather with friends and colleagues.

Don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't already.

*Rosanne Crudo  
President  
NCLA Clerical  
Division*



*Photos from the Clerical Open House held on March 19, 2009.*

## INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

Our friends at the Bristol Assisted Living Centers remind us of the following:

The United States Veteran's Administration provides a special pension for veterans and their spouses to help with monthly assisted living expenses. If you, a member of your family, or someone you meet through your library work meet the following criteria:

- Be a wartime veteran, served 90 days active duty, one day during wartime and honorably discharged,
- Be a surviving spouse of a wartime veteran,
- Have a medical diagnosis,
- Have un-reimbursed medical expenses

Then these benefits may apply.

You can receive no-cost advice on this eligibility at one of the Bristol Centers in Nassau County. Call Art Friedman at 572-7883 for additional information.



## NCLA GOES TO THE DUCKS!

NCLA will be attending its annual L.I. DUCKS game  
on  
Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ticket reservations start June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
All payments must be received by July 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Tickets: \$12.50 each.  
One free raffle coupon with each ticket sold.  
More information in the future.



LILRC is pleased to present "Beyond Merely Surviving: How Libraries Remain Relevant in Changing Times" on May 29, 2009, at the Farmingdale Public Library.

Libraries are experiencing the fallout and opportunities created by economic, technological and social changes across culture and society in general. The presenter, Rush G. Miller, Ph.D., Hillman University Librarian and Director, University Library System/University of Pittsburgh, will provide helpful advice on what kind of change is needed to cope with the changing environment and how that change might be accomplished.

The presentation will include a good discussion of the meanings and results of change in theory and practice and the need for fundamental change in the way libraries think of themselves and operate in order to not just survive in the digital age and economic collapsing times, but to thrive and remain relevant to their constituent bodies.

Registration form can be downloaded at <http://www.lilrc.org/calendars/eventdetail.php?eventID=553&referrer=ce>.

*Min Liu, Assistant Director  
Long Island Library  
Resources Council*

### **2009 NCLA NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

The deadlines for 2009 NCLA Newsletters are:

June 2009 Issue	Fri., May 8, 2009
Summer 2009 Issue	Fri., July 10, 2009
October 2009 Issue	Fri., Sept. 11, 2009
December 2009 Issue	Fri., Nov. 13, 2009
Year-in-Review Issue	Fri., Jan. 8, 2010

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### **NCLA E-mail Discussion Group**

NCLA has an e-mail discussion group designed to facilitate communication between NCLA colleagues throughout Nassau County. Use this tool to ask a question, advertise a program, post a job opening, or share any library-related information that may be of use to other NCLA members.

To subscribe to the NCLA e-mail discussion group, please visit <http://mail.nassaulibrary.org/mailman/listinfo/ncla>.

# Library Briefs

After a long delay, the New York State Library announced that 2008-2009 Public Library Construction grants were awarded to the following Nassau libraries:

*East Meadow Public Library, East Rockaway Public Library, East Williston Public Library, Farmingdale Public Library, Freeport Memorial Library, Lynbrook Public Library, Malverne Public Library, Nassau Library System, North Bellmore Public Library, Peninsula Public Library, Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library, Port Washington Public Library, Roosevelt Public Library, and Seaford Public Library.*

*Mineola Memorial Library* is offering a year of Lincoln-themed events in 2009 to celebrate the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. A variety of lectures are being offered throughout the year, including "The Underground Railroad," presented by Kathleen Velsor, on August 12. The 57<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, Co. B, will hold a Civil War Encampment and Reenactment on September 19, and a Civil War Music Concert will be performed by Kirby Jolly and the American Concert Band on Saturday, October 3. This project was made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program, administered by the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport.



(L to R): Sam Simone, Dave Thilbourg, and Keith Jackowski from the Village Department of Recreation are pictured installing the cabinets for the community kitchen on the Library's lower level.

The thirty-year old kitchen adjacent to the community rooms on the lower level of the *Garden City Public Library* has been replaced at a \$20,000 savings to the Library, through a cooperative effort among The Friends of the Garden City Public Library, the Village Department of Recreation, and the Library itself. The Friends of the Garden City Public Library generously paid for the new kitchen cabinets, countertop, appliances, and supplies needed for the project. The Village of Garden City Recreation Department supplied the skilled labor to complete the renovation by offering the work of several staff members for a few hours each week over several weeks in order to get the job done. This much needed renovation was completed in March 2009.

On March 19, 2009, the Underdogs of the Orchestra (Michele Zwierski and her husband Jay Rozen) performed "Duets of American Music" at the *Henry Waldinger Memorial Library* (Valley Stream). Their performance was the second in a series of musical programs, "More Musical Diversity in America," made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program, administered by the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport.



# SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, April 24, 2009**

Nassau County Library Association's Division of  
Academic & Special Libraries'

38<sup>th</sup> Annual Continuing Education Conference

***The Proactive Library...Staying Ahead of the Game:  
Dealing with Problems in the Modern Library***

Program and **registration form** coming soon:  
<http://www.nassaulibrary.org/ncla/>



## 2009 NCLA Executive Board Meetings



April 17, 2009  
May 8, 2009  
June 19, 2009 *New Date*  
July & August – No meetings  
September 11, 2009  
October 9, 2009  
November 13, 2009  
December 11, 2009  
Installation Dinner – TBA

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place at NLS in Uniondale. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. and are held in the Andrew Geddes Meeting Room.

All NCLA members are welcome to attend.

## Calling All Googlers

Join LILRC on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Brentwood Public Library for "Surfing the Net: Google to the Next Level," presented by Diana Bitting, Education Program Manager, PALINET.



Google is not only a search engine; it is currently the most popular resource on the web. While frequently used, the many aspects of Google are not necessarily thoroughly understood. This session will present power searching techniques for Google, familiarize the participant with some of Google's other tools and suggest ways in

which Google might be used most effectively at the Reference Desk.

We all know something about Google; at the end of this session, you'll take your understanding of Google to the next level.

For more additional information, visit the LILRC CE Calendar at <http://www.lilrc.org/calendars/eventdetail.php?eventID=550>.

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## REMINDER

The address for the NCLA web page is:  
<http://ncla.info>

**NEW** – Archive of past *NCLA Newsletters* is now available in PDF format with color photos on the webpage. Click on *Newsletter Archive* on the NCLA homepage.



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## 2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Library \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
 email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE OF DUES – Calendar Year 2009		
Salary:	0 - \$15,000	\$ 15.00
	\$15,001 - 30,000	25.00
	30,001 – 45,000	35.00
	45,001 – 60,000	40.00
	60,001 -	45.00

DIVISIONS (Select choices: 1, 2, ...)  
 Academic & Special Libraries \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children's Services \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerical Services \_\_\_\_\_  
 Media Services \_\_\_\_\_  
 PR Services/Programming \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reference & Adult Services \_\_\_\_\_  
 Young Adult Services \_\_\_\_\_

Institutions & Vendors **	45.00
Students, Retirees, Trustees, Friends	10.00
Additional Divisions	3.00
 Total Dues Enclosed	 \$ _____
Donation – NCLA Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Donation – NCLA Education Grant Fund	\$ _____

Note: \*\* Institutional members receive one copy of every membership publication plus 5 vouchers to permit a library employee or trustee to attend a workshop at member rates.

Please make checks payable to: Nassau County Library Association

Send this form and payment to: Arthur Friedman, Ed.D., NCLA Membership Chair  
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 [or via the Nassau Library System]

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